

# **Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago**

*100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611*



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 5, 2015**

**10:00 AM**

**Board Room**

### **Board of Commissioners**

*Commissioner Michael A. Alvarez, Chairman of Finance Frank Avila, Commissioner Timothy Bradford, Vice President Barbara J. McGowan, Commissioner Cynthia M. Santos, Commissioner Debra Shore, Commissioner Kari K. Steele, Commissioner Patrick D. Thompson, President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos*

#### **THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL GOVERN THE MEETING PROCESS:**

- 1. Board Members who vote "Nay, Present, or Abstain" or have a question on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.**
- 2. Citizens in the audience who address the Board on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.**
- 3. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered separately.**
- 4. One roll call vote is taken to cover all Consent Agenda Items.**

## Call Meeting to Order

President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 9 - Michael A. Alvarez; Frank Avila; Timothy Bradford; Barbara J. McGowan; Cynthia M. Santos; Debra Shore; Kari K. Steele; Patrick D. Thompson; and Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

## Special Speaker

[A15-001](#) Collaboration between Utility Companies

**Attachments:** [Collaboration between Utility Companies](#)

*Flemming B. Moller, Senior Technical Advisor, Aarhus Water, presented a collaboration project to the board*

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Debra Shore, that the minutes from the last meeting be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

## Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Cynthia M. Santos, seconded by Patrick D. Thompson, to recess and convene as a committee of the whole. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of Ayes - No Nays

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 12:30 p.m. President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Finance Committee

### Report

- 1 [15-0171](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of December 2014, in the amount of \$39,961,258.72

**Attachments:** [December 2014 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)

Published and Filed

## Procurement Committee

### Report

- 2    [15-0125](#)    Report on advertisement of Request for Proposal 14-RFP-36, Professional Auditing Services of the District's Financial Statements, estimated cost \$1,287,000.00 for the fiscal years 2015 through 2020, Account 101-40000-601170, Requisition 1387569.
- Published and Filed**
- 3    [15-0138](#)    Report on advertisement of Request for Proposal 15-RFP-04 Actuarial Consulting Services for the District's Retiree Health Care Trust, estimated cost \$120,000.00, Account 101-40000-601170, Requisition 1388358
- Published and Filed**
- 4    [15-0165](#)    Report on rejection of bids for Contract 14-815-1S, Sanitary Sewer Flow Metering Services, Various Locations, estimated cost \$400,000.00
- Published and Filed**
- 5    [15-0174](#)    Report of bid opening of Tuesday, January 27, 2015
- Published and Filed**

**Authorization**

- 6    [15-0073](#)    Authorization to execute change orders to decrease purchase orders or carry forward FY2014 encumbrances to FY2015

**Attachments:**    [Finance Department FY2014 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Human Resources FY2014 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Engineering Department FY2014 Purchase Orders](#)  
[General Administration FY2014 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Information Technology FY2014 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Law Department FY2014 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Procurement and Materials Management FY2014 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Treasury Department FY2014 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Maintenance and Operations FY2014 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Monitoring and Research FY2014 Purchase Orders](#)

**Approved**

- 7    [15-0135](#)    Authorization for payment to JULIE, Inc., for participation in underground project coordination, in an amount not to exceed \$41,460.37, Account 101-50000-601170

**Approved**

- 8     [15-0166](#)     Authorization to amend Board Order of January 8, 2015, regarding Authority to increase purchase order with Bonner Group LLC, for Contract 13-RFP-30, for Temporary Personnel Services for the Finance Department, in an amount of \$21,000.00, from an amount of \$67,900.00, to an amount not to exceed \$88,900.00, Account 101-40000-612490, Purchase Order 3080029, Agenda Item No. 28, File No. 15-0051

**Approved**

#### **Authority to Advertise**

- 9     [15-0141](#)     Authority to advertise Contract 15-847-11 Truck Hauling of Liquid Sludge from the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$294,000.00, Account 101-68000-612520, Requisition 1389634

**Approved**

- 10    [15-0142](#)     Authority to advertise Contract 15-665-11, Landscape and Native Prairie Landscape Maintenance at Various Service Areas, estimated cost \$3,742,000.00, Account 101-69000-612420, Requisition 1391280.

**Approved**

- 11    [15-0143](#)     Authority to advertise Contract 15-701-21 Furnish and Deliver a Turbo Blower and Accessories to the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$175,000.00, Account 201-50000-634650, Requisition 1389219

**Approved**

- 12    [15-0161](#)     Authority to advertise Contract 15-053-11 Furnish and Deliver Lamps to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$120,000.00, Account 101-20000-623070 (*As Revised*)

**Approved**

- 13    [15-0163](#)     Authority to advertise Contract 15-033-11 Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Air Filters to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$56,000.00, Account 101-20000-623270

**Approved**

#### **Issue Purchase Order**

- 14    [15-0133](#)     Issue purchase order to Hewlett-Packard Company, to Furnish and Deliver HP Storage Area Network (SANs) Equipment, Software, Maintenance, Basic Installation in an amount not to exceed \$564,704.28, Accounts 201-50000-634810, 101-27000-601170, 612810, Requisition 1392712 (*As Revised*)

**Approved**

- 15   [15-0139](#)   Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with ForeLight, Inc. for professional research services for Contract 15-068-2C, Evaluation of Algae Reactor System for Recovery of Nutrients and Development of High-Value Commodity Products, O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$154,000.00, Account 201-50000-601170, Requisition 1393465
- Approved**
- 16   [15-0160](#)   Issue purchase orders and enter into agreements for Contract 14-RFP-23, Appraisal Services for Real Estate with CohnReznick, LLP in an amount not to exceed \$375,000.00, and Appraisal Associates in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, Accounts 101-30000-601170 and 501-50000-612490, Requisitions 1393711, 1393716, 1376991, 1376992
- Deferred by Barbara J. McGowan**
- 17   [15-0162](#)   Issue purchase order for Contract 14-707-21, Furnish and Deliver Water Quality Instruments and Related Equipment to the Kirie Water Reclamation Plant, to Gasvoda & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$107,625.00, Account 201-50000-634990, Requisition 1382869
- Approved**
- 18   [15-0169](#)   Issue purchase order for Contract 14-654-11, Furnish and Deliver Limitorque Valve Actuators and Parts, to Swanson Flo Company, in an amount not to exceed \$299,974.00, Accounts 101-66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-612650, 623270, 612600, 623070, 612620, Requisitions 1381186, 1381187, 1382531 and 1382532
- Approved**

**Award Contract**

- 19   [15-0164](#)   Authority to award Contract 14-634-11, Inspection and Repairs to Cathodic Protection Systems, to Corpro Companies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$260,075.00, Accounts 101-67000, 68000, 69000-612600, Requisitions 1375073, 1382553 and 1376374
- Approved**
- 20   [15-0170](#)   Authority to award Contract 15-012-11, Furnish and Deliver Paint, Brushes, Solvents and Stains to Various Locations, for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A and B, to The Indecor Group Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$46,596.76, Account 101-20000-623190

**Attachments:**   [15-012-11\\_items\\_list.PDF](#)

**Approved**

**Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

- 21 [15-0136](#) Authority to decrease Contract 09-365-5F Heritage Park Flood Control Facility, to F.H. Paschen/Lake County Grading, A Joint Venture in an amount of \$11,525.93, from an amount of \$29,647,211.67, to an amount not to exceed \$29,635,685.74, Account 501-50000-645620, Purchase Order 5001339

Attachments: [CO 09-365-5F.pdf](#)

Approved

- 22 [15-0137](#) Authority to increase Contract 04-131-2D Rehabilitation of the A/B and C/D Service Tunnels - Phase One, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to F.H. Paschen/S.N. Nielsen in an amount of \$24,403.72, from an amount of \$13,721,007.07, to an amount not to exceed \$13,745,410.79, Account 401-50000-645750, Purchase Order 5001396

Attachments: [CO 04-131-2D.pdf](#)

Approved

## Industrial Waste & Water Pollution Committee

### Authorization

- 23 [15-0098](#) Authority for the Board of Commissioners to review the request by Saint Elizabeth Hospital, 1431 North Claremont Avenue, Chicago, IL, for review of the 2006, 2009, and 2012 User Charge Liability Determination made by the Director of the Monitoring and Research Department, Appeal Nos. 14B-001, 14B-002, and 14B-003

Attachments: [2-5-15 St. Elizabeth Hosp..pdf](#)

Deleted by the Executive Director

## Judiciary Committee

### Authorization

- 24 [15-0157](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Robert DiGiacomo vs. MWRDGC, Case 13 WC 18352, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$38,119.26, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

- 25    [15-0167](#)    Authority to grant a five (5) year easement to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC on approximately 0.575 acres of District real estate along the east and west sides of Elmhurst Road in Des Plaines, Illinois, in connection with the construction of the Elgin-O'Hare Western Access Project. Consideration shall be a fee of \$10.00

Attachments:    [Map.Paschen.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 26    [15-0168](#)    Authority to convey 0.064 acres of District real estate to the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority located along the southern boundary of Majewski Park, and north of I-90 in Des Plaines, Illinois. Consideration shall be \$14,750.00

Attachments:    [Map.ISTHA.pdf](#)

**Approved**

## **Stormwater Management Committee**

### **Authorization**

- 27    [15-0134](#)    Authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Roselle whereby the Village of Roselle will enforce the DuPage County Countywide Stormwater and Flood Plain Ordinance for the entire Village of Roselle

**Approved**

- 28    [15-0145](#)    Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Village of Niles for construction, operation, and maintenance of the Cleveland Street Relief Sewer in Niles, Illinois under Phase II of the Stormwater Management Program, with payment to the Village of Niles in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00, Account 401-50000-645690

Attachments:    [Exhibit1 Niles IGA.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 29    [15-0159](#)    Authority to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Des Plaines for the acquisition of flood-prone properties

Attachments:    [FEMA Grant #4116 Des Plaines BL Attachment.pdf](#)

**Approved**

## **Miscellaneous and New Business**

### **Motion**

- 30 [15-0126](#) MOTION to appoint Frank Avila to the Deferred Compensation Committee of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

**A motion was made by Patrick D. Thompson, seconded by Timothy Bradford, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

**Absent:** 1 - Cynthia M. Santos

- 31 [15-0173](#) MOTION to approve funds for District-wide celebrations

**A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Patrick D. Thompson, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

**Absent:** 1 - Cynthia M. Santos

#### Resolution

- 32 [15-0089](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association's 36th Annual Awards Banquet

**A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Frank Avila, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

- 33 [15-0158](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Kari K. Steele, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

#### Ordinance

- 34 [O15-001](#) Ordinance O15-001 An Ordinance directing the County Clerk to reduce the levy of taxes on Capital Improvement Bonds for the levy year 2014

**Attachments:** [Ordinance O15-001 BTL 2015-02-05](#)  
[Ord O15-001](#)

**A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Frank Avila, that this Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

#### Additional Agenda Items



- 35    [15-0177](#)    Authorization to explore opportunities with the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association to address flood control issues through the redevelopment of properties in disadvantaged communities

Approved

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 16, 23, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34**

**A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Frank Avila, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

## Meeting Summary

### Speakers

*Jorge Perez, Executive Director, Hispanic American Construction Association accepted the resolution recognizing their 36th annual awards banquet (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #32)*

*Reverend Tyrone Crider, Mount Calvary Baptist Church, accepted the resolution honoring the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #33)*

*George Blakemore, concerned citizen, voiced concerns (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #33 and Stormwater Management Item #35)*

*Mike Archey, GTM Strategies, addressed the Board regarding biogas project*

### Summary of Requests

*David St. Pierre*

*1. Cynthia M. Santos requested a list of potential properties (Re: Procurement Item #10)*

### Study Session

*None*

### Announcements

*None*

### Board Letter Submission Dates

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2015, please prepare and submit Board items before the following absolute cutoff dates.**

**Date agenda items are due to the Director of Procurement and Materials Management for signature and preparation: February 6, 2015**

**Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., TUESDAY, February 10, 2015**

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Frank Avila, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. and also move that today's meeting be Adjourned. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: /s/ Jacqueline Torres, Clerk

**Aye:** 9 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

**APPROVAL:**

In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this February 5, 2015, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Mariyana T. Spyropoulos  
President Board of Commissioners of the  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

February 5, 2015